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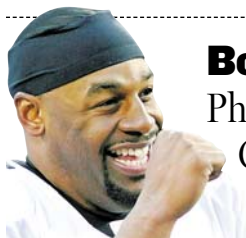
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Gorilla Gives Birth at National Zoo

OH, BABY: Mandara, a 26-year-old western lowland gorilla, holds her new child at the National Zoo on Sunday. The baby gorilla — the zoo's staff has not yet gotten close enough to determine its gender — was born Saturday afternoon. Mandara has given birth to five other babies. The gorilla will be displayed, along with its family, between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. daily at the Great Ape House.

Offensive Deepens In Gaza

War reaches urban areas as Israel says it is nearing goals

GAZA CITY, GAZA STRIP | Israeli ground forces made their deepest foray yet Sunday into Gaza's most populated area, with tanks rolling into residential neighborhoods and infantry fighting urban warfare in streets and buildings with Hamas militants who kept up their rocketing of southern Israel.

An Israeli army spokeswoman said residential neighborhoods in Gaza are riddled with homemade bombs and booby traps, including mannequins placed at apartment entrances to simulate militants and rigged to explode if soldiers approach. The army "is advancing more into urban areas," said Maj. Avital Leibovich.

Gaza officials say at least 870 Palestinians, about half of them civilians, have been killed in the conflict that began Dec. 27. Thirteen Israelis, including 10 soldiers, have died.

Outgoing Prime Minister Ehud Olmert said Israel had made progress in its objectives in the Gaza offensive but was not finished. "Israel is nearing the goals that it set for itself," Olmert said. "However, further patience, determination and effort are necessary in order to achieve those goals in a way that will change the security reality in the south." (AP)



"Further patience, determination and effort are necessary in order to achieve those goals."
 — EHUD OLMERT



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Slow, Unsuccessful Death

A 40-year-old southwest Missouri woman is accused of trying to kill her husband by spiking his tea with a half-bottle of Visine eye drops. Greene County deputies said the woman was jailed Thursday night on \$100,000 bond on a first-degree assault charge. She was arrested late Wednesday after a co-worker told Greene County deputies that the woman told her about the plot to kill her husband. A probable cause statement said the husband told investigators he'd been experiencing stomach problems for the past two months. (AP)



CLASS

Bride Holds Bouquet Of Hot Sauce Packets

Wedding bells meant Taco Bell for Paul and Caragh Brooks. Customers inside the fast-food restaurant continued to order tacos and burritos as the couple sat Friday in an orange

booth at Taco Bell in Normal, Ill., and exchanged vows. The bride wore a \$15 hot pink dress, and the entire wedding cost about \$200. Several dozen guests looked on as the couple's friend Ryan Green of Normal administered the vows while wearing a T-shirt. They decided to wed at the local Taco Bell because they like to spend time there. (AP)



OLIVIER MORIN/AP/GETTY IMAGES

COLD

Dreams on the Rocks

What is the appeal of sleeping in a room that is -5 degrees Celsius? We have no idea. But people actually pay to have just that experience in the Swedish city of Jukkasjärvi. The Jukkasjärvi Ice Hotel is built annually with 91 rooms available for all the world's masochists to enjoy (masochists with a lot of money — the place is priced like the Four Seasons). When spring comes, the hotel melts, and its patrons have to go back to the misery of warm, comfy beds. (EXPRESS)

FIRE

Eternal Hope to Be Snuffed Out Tuesday

An "eternal" flame at Bullhead City's new veterans memorial park that lasted

only until city officials received a \$961 gas bill has been relit after complaints by veterans groups. The Medal of Honor Memorial at the Arizona Veterans Memorial Park alongside the Colorado River was lit on Veterans Day in

November and extinguished Thursday. The flame was back on by midmorning Friday after a meeting of city officials. "What happened was really a miscommunication," city spokesman Steve Johnson said. (AP)

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NINJA ALERT: A ninja, or at least someone dressed like one, is lurking in the shadows of Palm Beach County, Fla. Authorities say a heavysset man with a visible potbelly and a ninja costume unsuccessfully tried to steal two ATMs over the past two weeks.

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NEA Sees Comeback For Reading

An increasing number of Americans read work of literature in 2008

NEW YORK | "Reading on the rise" declares a new government study, which reports a surprising and welcome increase in the number

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The percentage of 18- to 24-year-olds who read some form of literature in 2008, the study found.

of adult Americans who recently read a novel, short story, play or other work of literature.

According to "Reading on the Rise," being issued Monday by the

National Endowment for the Arts, just over half the people surveyed 18 or older read some kind of literature in 2008, up from 46.7 percent in 2002.

According to the survey, reading rates increased for whites, blacks and Hispanics, for men and for woman, for all levels of education, and among virtually all ages. Reading among 18- to 24-year-olds jumped from 42.8 percent in 2002 to 51.7 percent last year.

But the preface does not mention a countertrend: a drop among people not obligated to read. Adults who read books of any kind that were not assigned dropped from 56.6 percent in 2002 to 54.3 percent last year. HILLEL ITALIE (AP)

Obama: Bailout Oversight Is Lacking

President-elect wants help for homeowners in \$350B installment

WASHINGTON | Barack Obama wants to make it easier to monitor how the second \$350 billion installment of the financial bailout is spent and says homeowners and small businesses should get some help.

"We can regain the confidence of both Congress and the American people in that this is not just money that is being given to banks without any strings attached and nobody knows what happens, but rather that it is targeted very specifically at getting credit flowing again to businesses and families," the president-elect said in an interview that aired Sunday on ABC.

Obama's economic team has been talking with the Bush administration about having Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson ask Congress as early as this week for access to the rest of the bailout fund. If Congress rejected such a request, a



President-elect Barack Obama's team is in discussions with the Bush administration and Congress about the use of the remaining \$350 billion of bank bailout funds.

presidential veto could still free up the money, unless Congress overrode the veto.

Senate Majority Leader Harry

Reid indicated during a rare Senate session Sunday that Bush and Obama officials are near an agreement on submitting notice to Con-

gress about using the remaining \$350 billion.

"We're waiting to hear from President Bush and/or President-elect Obama as to what, if anything, they're going to do," said Reid, D-Nev., "and that's occurring as we speak."

The Congressional Oversight Panel raised detailed questions last week about how banks are spending the first \$350 billion of the bailout funds and questioned how the money will combat the rising tide of home foreclosures. In instance after instance, the panel said, the Treasury Department did not offer adequate responses.

Obama said he has asked his economic team to develop a set of principles to ensure more openness about how the money is spent. Under consideration by Obama aides and congressional Democrats are proposals to limit executive pay at institutions that receive the money and to force such institutions to get rid of any private aircraft they own or lease. PHILIP ELLIOTT (AP)

HEARSAY | REBUILDING THE GOP



"It's very important for our [Republican] party not to narrow its focus, not to become so inward-looking that we drive people away."

—PRESIDENT BUSH, WHO SAID REPUBLICANS NEED TO BE MORE "OPEN-MINDED" ON ISSUES SUCH AS IMMIGRATION REFORM IF THEY WANT TO REBOUND FROM THIS YEAR'S ELECTION LOSSES.

Council Backs Cell Ban for Drivers

WASHINGTON | A national safety group is advocating a total ban on cell phone use while driving, saying the practice is clearly dangerous and leads to fatalities.

States should ban drivers from using handheld and hands-free cell phones, and businesses should prohibit employees from using cell

phones while driving on the job, the congressionally chartered National Safety Council says, taking those positions for the first time.

No state currently bans all cell phone use while driving. Six states and the District of Columbia ban the use of handheld cell phones behind the wheel. (AP)

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Big Three Try to Start Over

Rollout of new vehicles displays automakers' green technology focus

DETROIT | We're different, and our new stuff is really good.

In a nutshell, that's what General Motors, Ford and Chrysler tried to tell consumers — and taxpayers — Sunday as they rolled out an array of new vehicles at the North American International Auto Show.

They told their stories in different ways, with Chrysler LLC making its senior executives available to assure people that it remains a viable company. General Motors Corp. held a pep rally with hundreds of cheering employees and supporters who watched a parade of 17 new and upcoming vehicles. Ford Motor Co. emphasized its plans for electric vehicles, joining the list of automakers that have promised one next year.

The fanfare, on opening day of the Detroit show's press preview, comes after a year of dismal sales that forced GM and Chrysler to get \$17.4 billion in federal loans to stay alive. Ford doesn't need money now but says it might in 2010 if U.S. sales don't improve.

On Sunday, the U.S.-based automakers touted new products with a focus on fuel efficiency that they say will help return them to financial health and ensure that their cars



Ford Motor Company Executive Chairman Bill Ford speaks at the North American International Auto Show Sunday in Detroit. Ford is planning a line of electric cars.

U.S. automakers touted new products with a focus on fuel efficiency at the auto show.

and trucks will roll off assembly lines for years to come.

GM said it would build a 40-mile-per-gallon minicar for the U.S. market, and it unveiled

an electric-powered Cadillac concept car.

Ford announced plans to put a battery-powered commercial van on the market in 2010, with an electric car coming a year later, followed by plug-in versions of its gas-electric hybrid vehicles in 2012.

Chrysler showed off a sleek new midsize electric concept car called the 200C, and one of its executives said it could be the inspiration for a new midsize car to compete with Toyota's top-selling Camry.

TOM KRISHER AND BREE FOWLER (AP)

Wilderness Bill Advances in Senate

Legislation would set aside 2 million acres of land for protection

WASHINGTON | In a rare Sunday session, the Senate advanced legislation that would set aside more than 2 million acres in nine states as wilderness. Majority Democrats assembled more than enough votes to overcome GOP stalling tactics in an early showdown for the new Congress.

Republicans complained that Democrats did not allow amendments on the bill, which calls for

COAST TO COAST

→ The measure — a collection of about 160 bills — would confer the highest level of protection on land ranging from California's Sierra Nevada to parts of the Jefferson National Forest in Virginia.

→ The bill would also designate the childhood home of former president Bill Clinton in Hope, Ark., as a national historic site.

the largest expansion of wilderness protection in 25 years. But Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev.,

and other Democrats said the bill was carefully written and included measures sponsored by both Republicans and Democrats.

Republicans also complained that the bill was loaded with pet projects and prevented development of oil and gas on federal lands.

By a 66-12 vote, lawmakers agreed to clear away procedural hurdles despite partisan wrangling that had threatened pledges by leaders to work cooperatively as the Obama administration takes office. Senate approval is expected later this week. Supporters hope the House will follow suit. (AP)



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HOW POLITE: An Ohio man may have tipped off his intentions when he stood in line at a bank wearing a ski mask. Police in Stow, Ohio, said the man displayed what turned out to be a toy gun and demanded money when his turn at the bank window came up. The man was arrested Thursday after a car chase.

In Hard Luck Times, Lotto Thrives

Gambling sales rise in many states as the recession takes hold

NASHVILLE, TENN. | In these tough times, many people appear willing to gamble a few precious dollars in the hope of winning instant deliverance from their economic woes.

More than half of all states with lotteries have reported rising sales over the past six months, and some researchers say financial insecurity might be driving people to risk more of their money than usual on \$1 and \$5 instant scratch-offs and other games in hopes of a big payoff.

"Someday, somebody is going to win, and I hope it is me," said Albert Atwood of Nashville, who spends \$100 weekly playing the lottery. "I imagine that I would be a heap



Convenience store clerk Jeff Johnson sells two scratch-off lottery tickets to Albert Atwood in Nashville, Tenn. Atwood spends \$100 per week on the lottery.

better off if I saved this money, but everybody has dreams."

Driven by regulars like Atwood and a growing number of occasional

players, 25 of 42 states with lotteries have experienced higher sales of scratch-off and daily lottery games since July, according to Scientif-

Some experts say economic hardships help people justify small gambles.

ic Games, a maker of scratch-offs.

→ In Washington, D.C., instant sales reached a record of \$45 million in the 2008 fiscal year, representing an 11 percent year-over-year increase.

→ In Tennessee, sales of instant lottery games were up \$8 million during the fiscal first quarter ending in October.

→ The Massachusetts lottery reached a record of \$4.7 billion in sales during the last fiscal year,

up from \$4.4 billion in the previous year.

Some experts say economic hardships prompt people to justify small-stakes gambles even as they cut back on nonessential goods and services. Others pin the increased lottery activity on creative marketing by scratch-off makers and state governments, which cannot afford to lose the revenue stream.

John L. Mikesell, a professor at Indian University, published a study in 1994 illustrating that lottery sales rise with unemployment rates.

"When times are tough, the prospect of spending \$1 on a remote chance to potentially change your life is appealing," Mikesell said.

Atwood, a 68-year-old retiree, said he has spent at least \$75,000 on lottery tickets since 2000.

"I am absolutely not acting in my best economic interest," Atwood said. "But we always hope that we win big, and that is what drives us."

JUANITA COUSINS (AP)

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—**Samuel J. Wurzelbacher**, or Joe the plumber, on residents of southern Israel, who have come under rocket attack by Hamas. Wurzelbacher was in Israel Sunday to report on the war in Gaza for Pjtv.com.



World

Violence Mars Anti-Israel Protests

Large pro-Palestinian rallies are held across Asia, Europe, Mideast

KARACHI, PAKISTAN | Security forces used tear gas and batons to repel anti-Israel protesters who tried to attack a U.S. consulate in Pakistan on Sunday, as tens of thousands in cities across Europe, the Middle East and Asia demonstrated against Israel's offensive in the Gaza Strip.

A protest in the Belgian capital that drew 30,000 turned violent, too, with demonstrators overturning cars and smashing shop windows. And in Manila, Philippines, police officers used shields to disperse students protesting outside the U.S. Embassy.

Israel launched its campaign in Gaza on Dec. 27 to stop rocket fire from the militant Palestinian group Hamas. Gaza health officials say nearly 870 Palestinians have been killed, roughly half of them civilians. Thirteen Israelis have also died.

About 2,000 protesters in the Pakistani port city of Karachi



Children in Brussels, Belgium, participate on Sunday in a rally against Israel's offensive in Gaza. The protest, which drew 30,000 participants, turned violent.

burned U.S. flags and chanted anti-Israel slogans, and several hundred of them marched on the U.S. Consulate, senior police official Ameer Sheikh said.

"They were in a mood to attack," Sheikh said. "They were carrying bricks, stones and clubs."

A U.S. Embassy spokesman in Islamabad, Lou Fintor, said the protesters did not get close to the consulate, which was closed Sunday.

Washington provides a large amount of foreign aid to Israel, and military and weapons assistance. Israeli military action is often perceived in the Muslim world as being financed and supported by the United States. While Pakistan's government is a United States ally, anti-American sentiment is pervasive in the Muslim majority country.

In Spain, as many as 100,000 people attended rallies in Madrid and the southwestern city of Seville, urging Israel to "Stop the massacre in Gaza" and calling for peace initiatives. Spain's Foreign Minister Miguel Angel Moratinos will tour the Middle East starting Monday to promote solutions to the conflict.

ASHRAF KHAN (AP)

In Brief



Prince Harry issued an apology on Saturday for using racist language.

LONDON

Prince Harry Is Criticized For Offensive Comments

Lawmakers, Muslim groups and the Pakistani public criticized Prince Harry on Sunday after a British newspaper published video footage of him using offensive and racist language. Harry, third in line to the British throne and an army lieutenant, issued an apology on Saturday after the News of the World reported that he had used offensive terms in 2006 to refer to people from Pakistan and people of Arab descent. (AP)

SUDZHA GAS METERING STATION, RUSSIA

Russia: Gas Deal Is Void

Teams of EU monitors deployed Sunday at natural gas transit sites along Ukraine's vast pipeline network, but still no gas flowed to a freezing Europe. Russia refused to restart gas supplies that have been stalled since Wednesday, saying the deal for the monitors was made void by Ukraine, which signed the document but then issued what it called a "declaration" to accompany it. (AP)

Somali Pirate's Body, \$153K in Ransom Wash Ashore

MOGADISHU, SOMALIA | The body of a Somali pirate who drowned just after receiving a huge ransom washed ashore with \$153,000 in cash, a resident said Sunday, as the spokesman for another group of

pirates promised to free a Ukrainian arms ship soon.

Five pirates drowned Friday when their small boat capsized after they received a reported \$3 million ransom for releasing a Saudi oil

tanker. Local resident Omar Abdi Hassan said one of the bodies had been found on a beach near coastal Haradhere and relatives were searching for the other four.

"One of them was discovered,

and they are still looking for the other ones. He had \$153,000 in a plastic bag in his pocket," he said.

The U.S. Navy released photos of a parachute dropping a package onto the deck of the Sirius Star and said the package was likely to be the ransom delivery. (AP)

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TASTE TEST: British crisp makers Walkers began testing six unconventional new snack flavors on Friday: fish and chips, builder's breakfast, onion bhaji, chilli and chocolate, crispy duck with hoisin sauce, and Cajun squirrel. The flavors will be open to a public vote in May to decide which one stays on sale permanently.

Biden Vows Support in Afghan War

VP-elect visits Taliban area as militants attack Pakistan frontier zone

KABUL, AFGHANISTAN | U.S. Vice President-elect Joe Biden promised U.S. support for Afghanistan's struggle against terrorism, drugs and corruption, in a surprise visit Sunday to a dangerous Taliban stronghold area of Afghanistan.

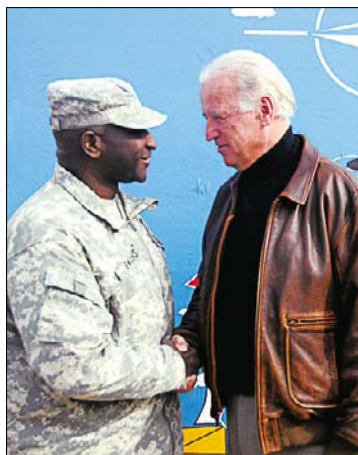
The future of the region where al-Qaeda planned the Sept. 11 attacks, Biden said, "affects us all."

Underscoring the difficulties of the fight to come, hundreds of

militants crossed from eastern Afghanistan and attacked paramilitary forces in the lawless frontier of Pakistan the same day Biden visited Afghanistan's southern Kandahar and Helmand provinces.

Six troops and 40 insurgents were killed in the clash in Mohmand Agency along the border, said a military official speaking on condition of anonymity because he was not permitted to talk to the media.

President-elect Barack Obama has promised to end the war in Iraq and refocus U.S. military efforts on Afghanistan, where al-Qaeda-linked militants and the Taliban



Vice President-elect Joe Biden greets a soldier in Kandahar, Afghanistan.

are making a comeback after initial defeats in the U.S.-led invasion in 2001.

The U.S. is rushing up to 30,000 more troops to Afghanistan, and some will go to these southern provinces. The provinces are the world's largest drug-producing areas. Hundreds of millions of dollars from the trade finance the insurgency.

"I am very interested in what becomes of this region because it affects us all," Biden said during his visit to the neighboring Kandahar province, according to a statement issued by the NATO-led force.

FISNIK ABRASHI (AP)

250 Feared Dead After Ferry Sinks

JAKARTA, INDONESIA | A ferry capsize in a severe storm and crashing waves in central Indonesia on Sunday, and officials said about 250 people were feared dead.

Eighteen survivors were rescued by fishing boats, but the fate of the others was unclear, said Taufik, a port official at Parepare on the island of Sulawesi, where the ferry began its journey. Taufik uses one name, as is common in Indonesia.

About 250 passengers and 17 crew are believed to have been aboard the ferry when it went down 30 miles off the coast of western Sulawesi. (AP)

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BIKINI-CLAD, BEWARE: The Caribbean island of Grenada says it recently began enforcing an indecent exposure law that bans wearing swimsuits away from the beach, and saggy pants that reveal underwear. Police commissioner James Clarkson says violators are usually just told to cover up. But the law allows for a \$270 fine or six months in jail.

World

AIDS Efforts Boost Bush's Legacy

Outgoing president's war on disease helped treat millions in Africa

CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA | In her AIDS-scarred South African township, Sweetness Mzolisa leads a chorus of praise for President Bush that echoes to the deserts of Namibia, the hills of Rwanda and the villages of Ethiopia.

Like countless Africans, Mzolisa looks forward to Barack Obama's becoming America's first black president Jan 20. But — like countless Africans — Mzolisa says she will

always be grateful to Bush for his war on AIDS, which has helped to treat more than 2 million Africans, support 10 million more, and revitalize the global fight against the disease.

"It has done a lot for the people of South Africa, for the whole of the African continent," says Mzolisa, a mother of seven. "It has changed so many people's lives, saved so many people's lives."

Mzolisa, 44, was diagnosed with the AIDS virus in 1999 and formed a women's support group to "share the pain." In 2004, she received a U.S. grant to set up an office and start a



A doctor checks on a patient at an AIDS center in White River Junction, South Africa, which is partly funded by the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief.

soup kitchen from the group's vegetable garden. She uses her \$10,000 in annual funding to train staff to care for AIDS victims.

Hundreds of similar grassroots projects are being funded by the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief, alongside higher-profile charities and big state clinics.

Bush launched the \$15 billion plan in 2003 to expand prevention, treatment and support programs in 15 hard-hit countries, 12 of them African, which account for more than half the world's estimated 33 million AIDS infections.

The initiative tied in with a World Health Organization campaign to put 3 million people on AIDS drugs by 2005 — a goal it says was reached in 2007. CLARE NULLIS (AP)

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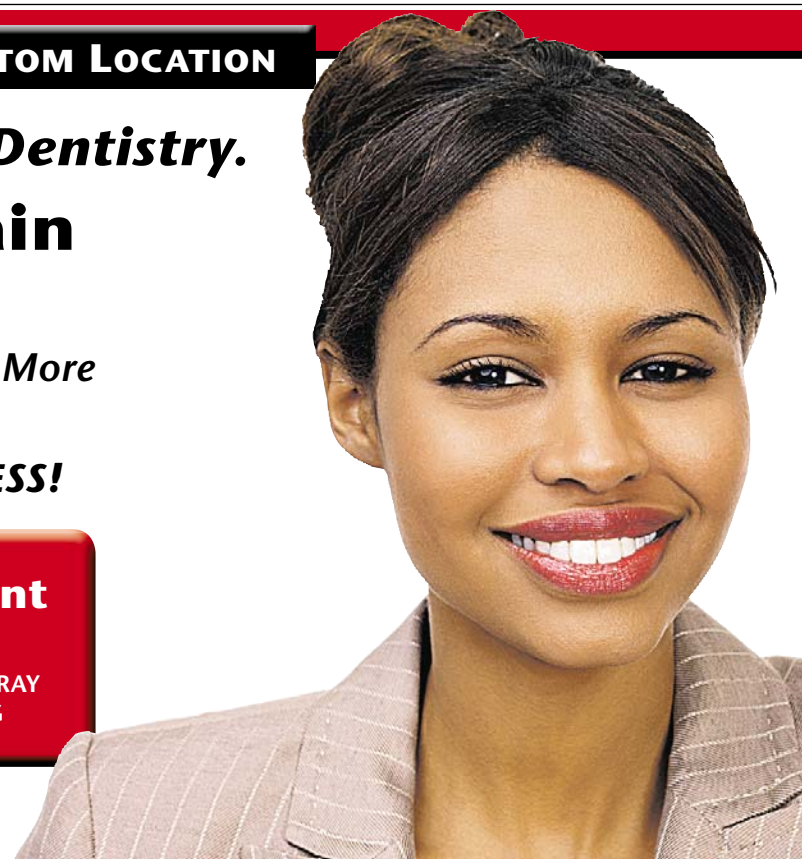
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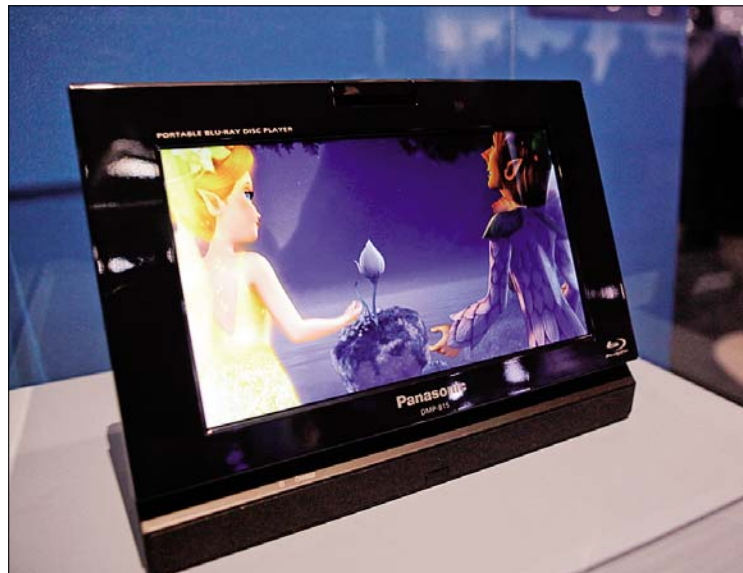
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Personal Tech



Panasonic's portable Blu-ray disc player is showcased at the International Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas Friday. Blu-ray sales tripled from 2007 to 2008.

DISCUSSIONS

FAST FORWARD

Do you think the new features of iLife '09 make it worth an upgrade from iLife '08?

If — and that's the most important word in my answer, if — it lives up to its billing, I suspect it will be. The Faces and Places features in iPhoto alone could be a huge help, and iMovie '09 looks like it restores enough of the features taken out of iMovie HD to allow users to stop keeping that old version around. Garage Band's music lessons could be neat as well.

I think [electronics] prices will have to fall back — the economy isn't getting better.

I passed on an electronics purchase over the holidays and, now that prices have jumped back up, have non-buyer's remorse. Did you get any sense at CES that prices will dip again?

I think that prices will have to fall back — the economy is not getting any better, and these things should continue to get cheaper to make, thanks to the normal workings of the electronics business.

I was disappointed that there was no new Mini announced at MacWorld, especially given that all of the rumor sites seemed to think that it was a sure thing. I kind of believe that with all the smoke, there is a fire somewhere.

If you remember, the last update to the Mac mini was announced solely with the posting of a press release on Apple's site — there was no launch event for it at all. I agree with your thinking that there must be some Mac mini update in store, but the timing of that was decoupled from Macworld at some point in the not-distant past.



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Bright Spot For Blu-ray

High-definition disc format sees success after HD-DVD demise

BIG YEAR | The Blu-ray disc, the high-definition successor to the DVD, was one of the few products that did well in the just-ended holiday season, with sales tripling from the previous year.

The figures were released this week at the International Consumer Electronics Show, which last year was the scene of what proved to be a decisive victory for Blu-ray over a rival format, HD-DVD.

"It turned out to be a phenomenal year for Blu-ray," said Tom Adams of Adams Media Research.

Just before the 2008 CES opened, Warner Bros. withdrew its support for HD-DVD, giving Blu-ray a strong majority of support among Hollywood studios. A few months later, Toshiba Corp., the creator of the HD-DVD, said it would stop making players for the discs.

That left Blu-ray as the lone high-definition disc. U.S. consumers bought 28.6 million of them in the

fourth quarter of 2008, according to The Digital Entertainment Group, a consortium of movie studios and electronics manufacturers. That's up from 9.5 million in the previous year. The biggest seller was "The Dark Knight," which was also the first Blu-ray disc to sell more than 1 million copies, said Andy Parsons, president of the Blu-ray Disc Association.

By Parsons' count, Blu-ray is showing a faster adoption rate than the DVD, the CD, high-definition TV sets and several other common household technologies. At the end of last year, 2 1/2 years after they first became available, there were 10.7 million Blu-ray-capable players in the United States, according to research firm DisplaySearch.

After seeing the holiday sales figures, analysts think Blu-ray sales will keep growing rapidly this year. Richard Doherty at Envisioneering Group think 2009's disc sales will be five or six times those of 2008.

"I've gone from being conservative for 2008 to now, for 2009, being cautiously optimistic," said analyst Paul Erickson at DisplaySearch. PETER SVENSSON (AP)



DOCTOR NOTE: D.C. health officials say that most hospitals will not be available for non-emergency care during inaugural activities. Pierre Vigilance, D.C.'s health department director, is urging inaugural attendees to seek medical attention from their primary care doctor before Jan. 19.

Local

Inauguration Put to the Test in D.C.

Organizers rehearse to make sure Jan. 20 events run smoothly

WASHINGTON | Derrick Brooks puts his left hand on the book and raises his right, ready to take the oath of office. Dozens of cameras capture this moment in history, even though Brooks is wearing a name card reading "Pres.-elect Obama."

"It felt great to be famous for one day," Brooks told reporters after spending hours standing in for President-elect Barack Obama during Sunday's dress rehearsal for the presidential inauguration Jan. 20.

Organizers picked the 26-year-old Army staff sergeant from Fayetteville, N.C., because he resembles



Army Staff Sgt. Derrick Brooks and Navy Yeoman 1st Class LaSean McCray, portray Barack and Michelle Obama on the Pennsylvania Avenue parade route on Sunday.

Obama in height, weight and skin color. But he's not an exact match. When Brooks met Obama last Thursday, "he said my ears weren't as big as his."

Admitted to the exclusive club of stand-ins were military personnel from the area who resembled Obama's wife, Michelle, Vice President-elect Joe Biden and others expected on the inaugural stage, as officials worked out the kinks for what likely will be the biggest ceremony the nation's capital has ever hosted.

Wearing a grin, Brooks told reporters he was honored to participate in the dry run. "I know it's a change in history; it's a historical moment," he said.

NATASHA T. METZLER (AP)

Md. Budget Looms for '09 Session

ANNAPOLIS, MD. | Bedeviled by a \$1.9 billion budget deficit, the Maryland General Assembly's upcoming session inevitably will be dominated by hard decisions needed to balance the state's books.

While the state budget always is a key focus of the General Assembly's 90-day session, Maryland's battered finances this year have elevated its importance at a time when serious cuts are bound to have a major impact on the state's residents.

Veteran lawmakers are saying the current budget crisis is at least as bad as the recession Maryland weathered in the early 1990s, when lawmakers were able to raise revenues to address the problem. This time, though, there's no stomach for tax increases, after a \$1.4 billion tax hike just a little more than a year ago.

Gov. Martin O'Malley already has put everyone on notice that no one will be spared from cuts, and proposals costing much money will be shelved. It's going to be tough enough just to pay for important priority items in health, education and public safety, he said. BRIAN WITTE (AP)

The Lotteries

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Mid-day Cash 5	12-20-21-22-24

Plumbers Union to Move Out of D.C.

ANNAPOLIS, MD. | An international plumbers union will move its headquarters from Washington, D.C., to Annapolis.

The United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices plans to move 85 employees next month to a new office building.

The union represents the plumbing and pipe fitting industry across North America.

Union General Secretary-Treasurer Patrick Perno says it chose Annapolis largely because most of its employees live in the area. He says he likes the character of Annapolis and says it's easy to get around town. The union sold its building in the District of Columbia to the Washington Convention Center Authority, which plans to build a hotel there. (AP)



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Sports



MADE IN CHINA: Phelps is back where he made Olympic history. He's in Beijing to do TV ads for Mazda, which is reported to be paying him more than \$1 million for endorsements. It's believed to be the largest single sponsorship deal for a foreign celebrity in the country.



TAKE THE PLUNGE: Eagles QB Donovan McNabb reaches into the end zone for a touchdown in the first quarter of a win over the Giants to reach the NFC championship game.

McNabb, Eagles Dethrone Giants



Philadelphia reaches NFC championship with tough road win

NFL | Donovan McNabb and his Philadelphia Eagles get another week to keep chasing that elusive Super Bowl crown. Eli Manning and the New York Giants get a whole offseason to wonder what

went wrong.

McNabb made all the big plays that Manning did not, and the Eagles eliminated the Super Bowl champions 23-11 Sunday to reach the NFC title game for the fifth time in eight seasons.

Throw in Philadelphia's hard-hitting, ball-hawking defense, and these NFL playoffs are now for the Birds — the underdog Eagles, Cardinals and Ravens all won on the road this weekend.

McNabb lunged for one touchdown, threw for another and con-



The Eagles were the only team to defeat Manning and the Giants on their own turf.

verted several key third downs to move the sixth-seeded Eagles (11-6-1) into next Sunday's title game at Arizona (11-7). Philadelphia beat the Cardinals 48-20 on Thanksgiving night.

David Akers added three field goals — extending his NFL record to 18 straight in the postseason — to fend off the top-seeded Giants (12-5).

It was the Eagles' second win at the Meadowlands this season. It was the only team to win on the Giants' turf. BEN WALKER (AP)

Steelers End Chargers' Unlikely Run



Pittsburgh advances to AFC Championship against rival Baltimore

NFL | Fittingly enough, the Pittsburgh Steelers brought back the home-field advantage to the NFL

playoffs.

Now they get to stay at home for the AFC championship game — and against the rival they dislike more than any other.

The team with the NFL's best home-field record since the 1970 NFL merger shook off a 7-0 deficit barely two minutes into the game, shut down pint-sized playmaker Darren Sproles and returned some normalcy to the NFL postseason

by beating the San Diego Chargers 35-24 in an AFC divisional game Sunday.

With a now-healthy Willie Parker running for 146 yards and two touchdowns, Ben Roethlisberger shook off his late-season concussion to throw for a score and lead an efficient offense.

The Steelers will host the Baltimore Ravens for the AFC Championship on Jan. 18. ALAN ROBINSON (AP)



Santonio Holmes hurdles a would-be tackler on the way to a punt return TD.

In Brief

TENNIS

Sharapova Out of Aussie Open With Injured Shoulder

Maria Sharapova's shoulder injury will keep her out of another big event — the Australian Open. Sharapova told the tournament Sunday she will not be able to defend her title at Melbourne Park beginning Jan. 19. She also missed the Beijing Olympics and the U.S. Open because of the injury, and her recovery has been slower than expected. (AP)



David Beckham helps AC Milan's Pato celebrate a goal in Sunday's 2-2 game.

SOCCER

Beckham Has Solid Debut For Milan in Tie vs. Roma

David Beckham made a surprising start in his AC Milan debut Sunday, playing 89 minutes in a solid if not outstanding performance against AS Roma. The star English midfielder was replaced by Mathieu Flamini in the 89th minute with the score 2-2, the final result. He exited mostly to boos from the Roma crowd. Beckham joined Milan on a two-month loan from the Los Angeles Galaxy of Major League Soccer, hoping to stay sharp so he can earn a spot on the English national team. (AP)

NBA

Suns Hand Clippers 11th Straight Loss, 109-103

Amare Stoudemire overcame early foul trouble to score 26 points, Jason Richardson and Grant Hill each had 21, and the Phoenix Suns sent the Los Angeles Clippers to their 11th straight loss with a 109-103 victory on Sunday. Steve Nash had 14 points and 12 assists for the Suns, who blew a 15-point lead before notching their third straight road win to move a season-best eight games over .500. (AP)

800

The number of games won by UNC women's basketball coach Sylvia Hatchell. The Tar Heels beat N.C. State 75-66 Sunday to make her the fourth coach to achieve 800 wins.

Sports

Wizards' Lost Opportunity

After holding its own against top-tier teams, Washington falls flat

WIZARDS | Coming off an inspiring win over the Cleveland Cavaliers and crab-dribbling superstar LeBron James last Sunday, the Washington Wizards were presented with a major opportunity: eight consecutive games against teams with losing records.

But entering Monday's game against Milwaukee (18-21), the Wizards have lost three straight to losing teams, including Saturday's 92-89 home loss to the Charlotte Bobcats.

It's a particularly bad time for a losing streak, especially because the Wizards have been competitive

MORE BAD NEWS

Antawn Jamison did not practice Sunday because of a right knee strain and will be re-evaluated at Monday's shootaround.

→ The forward hasn't missed a game this year.

→ Jamison is averaging a team-high 38.4 minutes, a little more time than Caron Butler (38.2).

against top-flight teams such as Cleveland, Orlando, Boston, New Orleans and Houston.

The playoffs were something of a pipe dream even before the recent bad streak, but now the Wizards (7-29) appear to be headed for the draft lottery for the first time since 2004.

It is the only team in the East-

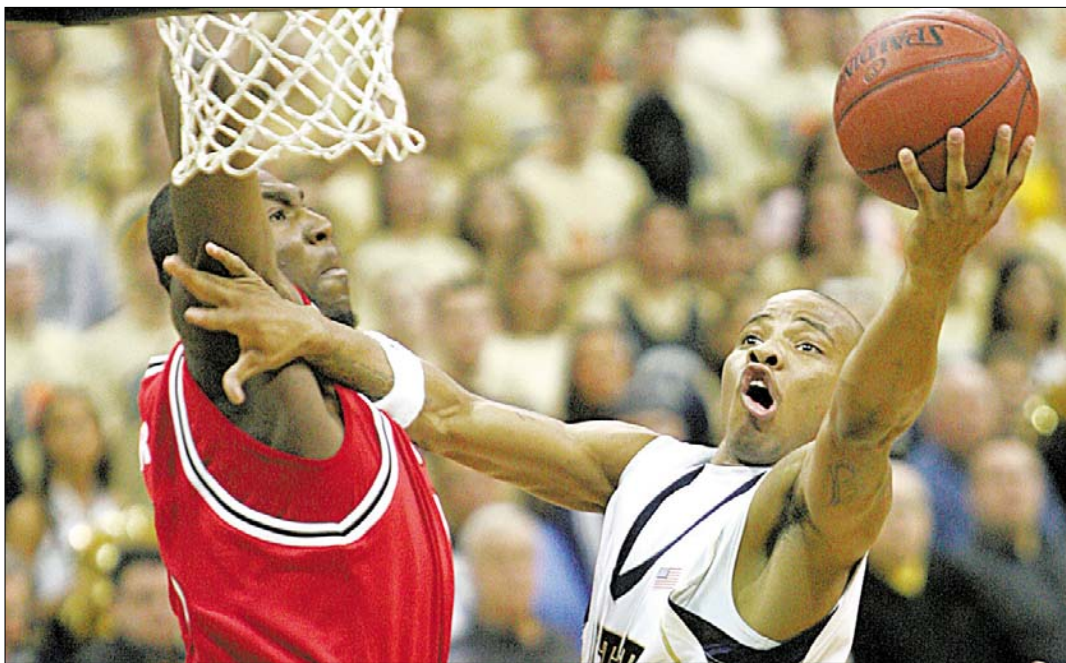
ern Conference with fewer than 10 wins, and only one team, Oklahoma City (6-32), has fewer victories.

After coming out flat and falling behind early in losses to Toronto and at Chicago, the Wizards started better on Saturday against the Bobcats and had a five-point lead with just over five minutes remaining before falling apart with the usual assortment of missed shots, turnovers and defensive breakdowns.

The Wizards are 4-17 in games decided by 10 points or fewer and have lost 14 games in which they either held a lead or were tied during the fourth quarter.

"We lost a game we felt we should've won, and that's tough," forward Caron Butler said. **IVAN CARTER** (THE WASHINGTON POST)

COLLEGE HOOPS | NO. 1 PITT STORMS PAST ST. JOHN'S



HOT SHOT: Pittsburgh's Jermaine Dixon shoots over St. John's Dele Coker Sunday during the Panthers' 90-67 victory in Pittsburgh. The win should ensure Pittsburgh will remain No. 1 in the country when the polls are released Monday.

Allen Shoots Celtics Out of Slump

NBA | Ray Allen scored a season-high 36 points, including eight 3-pointers, and the Boston Celtics withstood a late Toronto rally to beat the Raptors 94-88 on Sunday, snapping a four-game losing streak.

Allen finished 8-for-10 from 3-point range on Sunday, making his first six attempts.

Rajon Rondo had 14 points and 11 assists, and Kevin Garnett added 10 points and 11 rebounds. Paul Pierce

had 11 points for Boston, which had lost seven of nine coming in.

Boston held firm until Andrea Bargnani's 3-pointer made it 88-83 with 1:36 left. Jamarion Moon missed a 3-pointer on Toronto's next possession before Pierce's jumper with 40 seconds left sealed the win. **(AP)**

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Sports



NEW DEAL: The Memphis Grizzlies re-signed forward Darius Miles to a 10-day contract on Saturday despite a threat of legal action by the Portland Trail Blazers. Miles is coming back from major knee surgery. If he plays two more games, Portland will be on the hook for the \$18 million left on his contract.

Tebow to Return for Senior Season

Florida QB back after leading Gators to 2nd national title in 3 years

COLLEGE FOOTBALL | Tim Tebow is coming back. The Florida quarterback told a crowd celebrating the school's latest national title Sunday he wants to lead the Gators to another championship.

Tebow thrilled the 40,000 fans by saying: "Oh, by the way, let's do it again. I'm coming back."

In 2007, Tebow became the first sophomore to win the Heisman Trophy. In the Gators' 24-14 win



Florida QB Tim Tebow, left, receives the BCS Championship trophy from former teammate Chris Leak in Gainesville, Fla., Sunday. Tebow will return for his senior year.

over Oklahoma on Thursday night, Tebow completed 18 of 30 passes for 231 yards and two touchdowns. He also ran for 109 yards in winning his second national title in three years at Florida.

"Overall, I just felt loyal to this place," Tebow said. "I feel like I'm a role model, and a lot of times people start things and don't finish them. I didn't want to be like that."

Tebow talked to several NFL coaches about his pro prospects — he said feedback was mixed — but nothing they told him really swayed his decision. He knew he wanted to stay in Gainesville. (AP)

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

WIZARDS (7 P.M. ON CSN) The dreadful Wizards try to end yet another losing streak when hosting the Milwaukee Bucks.

TERPS WOMEN'S HOOPS (7:30 P.M. ON CSN) The No. 14 Maryland women, who blew out Wake Forest in their league opener last week, visit ACC rival No. 5 Duke.

MEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS (7 P.M. AND 9 P.M. ON ESPN) Number 13 Notre Dame visits No. 23 Louisville in a big-time Big East contest, followed by No. 6 Oklahoma hosting No. 7 Texas in a battle of Big 12 powerhouses.

NHL (8 P.M. ON VERSUS) The Dallas Stars host the Central Division's top team, the Detroit Red Wings.

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STILL THRIVING: Clint Eastwood just had the best movie opening of his long and esteemed career. His "Gran Torino" revved up the winter box office with \$29 million in ticket sales in its first weekend of wide release, according to studio estimates.

Entertainment



THE POWER OF THREE: Being a small band led Animal Collective toward a sample-heavy, rhythmic and innovative record.

Animal Instinct

A band follows its gut toward an amorphous sound on 'Pavilion'

COLLECTIVE EFFORT | When it burst onto the indie rock scene in 2003, Animal Collective was tagged as the leader of the budding freak-folk movement. While that descriptive has since faded, it hinted at one thing: The band likes to do things

differently.

That goes for everything from strange band names (Panda Bear, Avey Tare) to songs about weather to an ever-changing musical approach. Most recently, on 2007's "Strawberry Jam," Animal Collective ditched the lush, acoustic arrangements of earlier work in favor of a louder, electric guitar-meets-electronics attack.

And even though it recorded as

a trio (guitarist Josh "Deakin" Dibb took a self-imposed break from band duties), the move toward a larger sound continues on "Merriweather Post Pavilion," due out Jan. 20.

"Since there are only three of us playing, especially for the live situation, it just seemed more interesting to use samplers instead of a lot of live instrumentation," Dave "Avey Tare" Portner says. "It's a lot more low-end — and that was a conscious

decision on our part — to make a record that was, for the most part, more rhythm."

The result is a heavy mix of thumping, sample-heavy psychedelia, best heard on sprawling opener "In the Flowers" and the romantic, subdued "Bluish." The album certainly sounds like the work of a band, but one not connected to a specific music scene.

That ideology has helped drive Animal Collective to the top of the indie-rock food chain in a relatively short period of time. Although few would call its music accessible, the group has sold 176,000 albums in the United States, according to Nielsen SoundScan, with 2005's "Feels" at 55,000 and "Strawberry Jam" at 50,000.

Instead of drawing on direct influences, Animal Collective makes albums with a connection to places in mind. "We usually try to connect to outdoor environments, and there was something about this that was harking back to the time where we would be outside, in backyards, listening to music on a boombox," Portner says. "Because that's how we really grew up and got attached to listening to music together."

Hence the new album's title, which shares its name with an amphitheater in Columbia, Md. "I had seen the most concerts there, growing up," Portner says. "But we didn't really name it after the venue. We really liked the way it sounds and that it has the word 'weather' in it. We cast a lot of the songs to different weather patterns." **MICHAEL D. AYERS (BILLBOARD.COM)**



The special Inauguration Day edition of "Spider-Man" is out Wednesday.

Spidey Returns The Love

Obama shares the spotlight with his favorite superhero

COMIC | Barack Obama often gets treated like Superman, but he apparently hangs with Spider-Man.

Marvel Comics announced that issue No. 583 of "The Amazing Spider-Man" will hit the stands Wednesday with two covers, one of them a special Inauguration Day edition that shows the wall-crawler with the president-elect.

Marvel Comics executives said it was a natural to put the 44th president in a heroic context.

"When we heard that President-elect Obama is a collector of Spider-Man comics, we knew that these two historic figures had to meet in our comics' Marvel Universe," editor in chief Joe Quesada said.

"Historic moments can be reflected in our comics, because the Marvel Universe is set in the real world. A Spider-Man fan moving into the Oval Office is an event that must be commemorated in the pages of 'Amazing Spider-Man.'"

There's plenty of presidential history in comics, such as JFK's appearance in "Superman" and Richard Nixon's cameos in "The Fantastic Four" and "The Incredible Hulk."

GEOFF BOUCHER (LOS ANGELES TIMES)

The Songs Remain the Same

Maroon 5 releases a hip-hop heavy remix record without flair

MUSIC | With the exception of Andre 3000, an artist who, around the time of "Hey Ya," name-checked the Smiths in interviews, mainstream hip-hop acts seem to have trouble judging the quality of rock music.

Many a crossover-seeking rapper has spoken fondly of groups such as Linkin Park and Nickelback,

perhaps believing that any guitar band that has sold a lot of records is automatically good.

This phenomenon might explain "Call and Response," a disc that finds hip-hop heavies such as Swizz Beatz, Just Blaze and Pharrell Williams remixing tunes by Maroon 5.

In fairness, of all today's arena-rock bands, Maroon 5 is probably the best candidate for a hip-hop makeover. The group has always had neo-Michael Jackson aspira-



Adam Levine and the gang are either out of ideas or are simply getting lazy.

tions, and in the hands of folks such as David Banner, its songs take on an adequate, if still somewhat bland, dance-floor bump. The real trouble is that few of the album's producers go far enough in altering the original recordings.

Maroon 5 has now released three times as many live and remix albums as it has proper studio works and, in light of this disparity, "Call and Response" feels at best like a curiosity and at worst a cash-in. **KENNETH PARTRIDGE (THE HARTFORD COURANT)**

Entertainment



BEHIND EVERY GOOD MAN IS A SASSY WOMAN: Kristin Scott Thomas has joined the cast of the John Lennon biopic "Nowhere Boy." Scott Thomas will play Lennon's tough-talking Aunt Mimi, who played a major role in bringing up the rock icon.

Welcome Back, Agent Jack

Fox's fresh episodes of '24' feature familiar faces and new talents

TV | Unless there's a silent countdown, you may not be dead.

And with that golden rule out of the way, the new season of "24" sees the return of original cast member Carlos Bernard as Tony Almeida, presumed six feet under two seasons ago.

But Tony is not the special agent we remember. First, his soul patch, sadly, appears to have kicked the bucket. Second, the scruff-filled hero has become a terrorist.

Did we mention there is only one

man who can stop him? That's Jack Bauer, of course.

Season 7, which began Sunday night with a two-hour flurry and resumes Monday for another two hours (8 p.m., Fox), picks up where last November's TV movie, "24: Redemption," left off.

Bauer (Kiefer Sutherland) has been transported back from Africa to Washington, D.C., so he can be indicted on torture charges. In the middle of a Senate hearing, the FBI steps in to use Bauer to catch his longtime friend/co-worker/former rival suitor Nina Myers.

While the chase is on for soul patch-less Almeida, America's first female president (Cherry Jones) is



As this photo clearly depicts, Bauer is up to his standard tricks in Season 7.

FOR MORE on "24," check out the Bauer by Hour blog at Expressnightout.com.

readying to invade Sangala — a fictional African country similar to Sudan or Rwanda — in another tie-in from last year's "Redemption."

Unlike previous years when the show has used the two-day opening event, there's no sense of a culmination at the end of the episodes. Also, there are no big explosions or huge cliff-hangers. The truest "24" moment is a Jack Bauer jumping punch.

But never fear: Some things don't change. Bauer's old agency, CTU, may be a goner, but two series regulars return Monday night as Almeida's true motives are revealed.

Other highlights include the addition of Bob Gunton — the evil warden in "The Shawshank Redemption" — and Janeane Garofalo to the cast.

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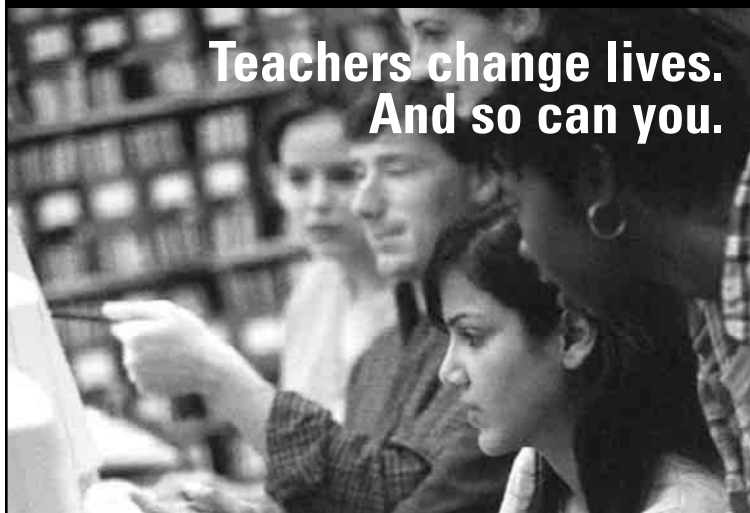
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Entertainment



Prince used Pro Tools to give "MPLSound" a decidedly fresh, electronic vibe.

Face to Face With Royalty

A music critic spends an evening with Prince and his new tracks

ICON | It was 11 p.m. on the night before New Year's Eve, and I was doing something I hadn't expected would crown my 2008: sitting in Prince's limousine as the pop music legend lounged beside me, playing unreleased tracks on the stereo.

That morning I'd received an e-mail inviting me to preview new music at Prince's mansion in Beverly Park. The summons wasn't entirely unexpected. Prince has spent a year and a half consulting with media types with an eye toward taking control of his musical output.

"Let's go to my car," Prince said. "We'll listen to the first album there."

Prince, who became a Jehovah's Witness in 2001, views everything through the lens of his religion. No topic — sexuality, civil rights — comes up in which it doesn't play a role.

Prince's statements can sound extreme to a secular listener. Some have accused him of concealing

his views to avoid alienating non-believing (and, particularly, gay) fans. But his desire to be tolerant seems sincere.

Prince's faith fulfills a yearning that his songs expressed long before he became devout: a need for a ruling theory to explain the sorrow and violence that intertwines with life's joy. In his religion, he's found a code.

This leads to "MPLSound," the album Prince recorded by himself mostly in 2008.

These tracks sound new: electronica-based, futuristic and subtly mind-altering. They also recall early Prince, including "When Doves Cry" and "The Black Album."

Some, like one about a "funky congregation," could become live show pieces. Others, like the playful "Hey Valentina," and the space age ballad "Better With Time" contained sounds that didn't seem possible to replicate anywhere but in Prince's imagination.

The key to this aural universe is the computer platform Pro Tools. Prince avoided the system for years. One thing he's moralistic about is the use of artificial vocal enhancement by subpar artists.

Yet he's unlocked new elements within the very control surfaces Pro Tools employs.

"I'm interested in the inner workings of music, the effect on the body," he explained. "I'm trying to understand why we respond to beats differently." **ANN POWERS**

(LOS ANGELES TIMES)



INTO THE SPOTLIGHT: Music video background dancers will be front and center in the new E! reality series "Candy Girls." The docu-soap will follow the owner of a music talent agency as she fulfills the needs of acts such as Outkast, Jay-Z and Kanye West.

Television

Inside the Actress' Psyche

Laura Linney allows James Lipton to pick her brain on Bravo

STAR | Laura Linney, acclaimed actress of stage, screen and television, appears with James Lipton on "Inside the Actors Studio" (7 p.m., Bravo). She received an Emmy recently for her portrayal of Abigail Adams in the HBO miniseries "John Adams" and has been nominated for Academy Awards for her performances in "You Can Count on Me," "Kinsey" and "The Savages."

While Linney's performance in "Adams" was certainly admirable, I would hate to see her turn exclusively to playing noble women in period costume. She's just too good at portraying contemporary characters, girl-next-door types who har-



Linney makes playing everyone from Abigail Adams to Wendy Savage look easy.

bor darker complexities. Her turn in "The Savages" as an unpublished playwright consoling herself in a bleak adulterous affair was one of the best and most memorable performances in recent years. Linney's

many TV roles include her breakout turn as Mary Ann Singleton in the 1993 miniseries "Tales of the City" and six episodes of "Frasier" in 2003-2004. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

ON TV TONIGHT

WELCOME, FUNNY LADY

Tony's story becomes clearer (for now) on hours three and four of **24** (8 p.m., Fox). Look for a split-screen confrontation between Chloe and Louise (newcomer Janeane Garofalo), dueling computer nerds.

'WE'RE TOO YOUNG, HUH?'

Amy and Ben come to a conclusion about their marriage on **SECRET LIFE OF THE AMERICAN TEENAGER** (8 p.m., Family).

ANTI-HIPPIE HISTORY

San Francisco has long been stereotyped as a city of free love and the counterculture, but the City by the Bay has a long military history, explored on **CITIES OF THE UNDERGROUND** (9 p.m., History).

TALES FROM THE EAST

The survey history **THE STORY OF INDIA** (PBS) continues with a look at spice routes from the time of the Roman Empire (9 p.m.) and India's Golden Age (10 p.m.) from the years 300 to 1000, when math,



Tough guy Bear Grylls and "Man vs. Wild" have moved to Mondays.

science and culture flourished.

CHALLENGE NATURE

Bear Grylls travels to Belize, and **MAN VS. WILD** (10 p.m., Discovery) moves to Monday nights as the nature series embarks on eight new episodes in the second half of its third season. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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MUSIC | William Elliott Whitmore's songs are earthy — they're about hard times, family and the harvest cycle — and he didn't need to look far for inspiration for his new album, the rousing and anthemic "Animals in the Dark." The singer still lives on the farm that he grew up on — and it's a real farm: There's an outhouse, a feisty mule and a sad horse that can no longer carry the weight of a rider. "I don't have running water," Whitmore said. "My girlfriend is pretty cool; she doesn't mind the outhouse, but it's to that point where I'm going to have to build a real bathroom."

Stirred by loss, angst and punk



William Elliott Whitmore alternates between touring and living on his farm.

rock, an 18-year-old Whitmore left the farm and went out on the road. "My father had already passed and my mother was about to pass," he

said. "I moved to a town called Iowa City that was maybe an hour away. There was a university there — you could go see Fugazi, Jesus Lizard,

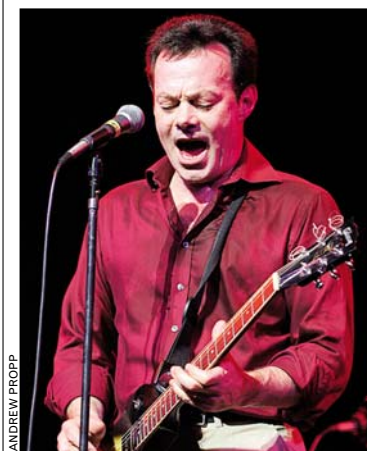
get your window into the world."

Through punk shows like these, Whitmore started to get interested in the underground music scene, and he eventually wound up performing, too. "I met all these cats, just doing my folk thing and playing my banjo. I would hop in the van with these indie-rock bands and they would let me open up for them. ... It was weird playing in front of a room full of hardcore kids. But that's where the hunger is, that's my scene." (So, it makes sense then that "Animals in the Dark" is on Anti-, the folk arm of punk label Epitaph.)

Whitmore's life as a full-time musician subverts any agricultural ambitions he might harbor, "but I'm in my stride," he said. "I feel good about being on the road. I kind of need both worlds." AARON LEITKO

→ *Black Cat*, 1811 14th St. NW; with *City and Color*, Wed., 8 p.m., \$15; 202-667-4490. (U St.-Cardozo)

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James Hunter is always enthusiastic, and he's at the Birchmere tomorrow.

● TUESDAY

James Hunter: This British singer has soul — and some pretty blue eyes. Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria; 7:30 p.m., \$29.50; 703-549-7500.

All Cocktails Is Local: Despite the grammatically questionable title, this seminar on politically significant alcohol should be fun. Don't drink and drive. Rock Creek at Mazza, 5300 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 6:30 p.m., \$35 in advance, more at the door; Museumoftheamericancocktail.org.

Candy Coated Pain Pills: A show (with Equinox and Odd Girl Out) to benefit Girls Rock! DC. Black Cat, 1811 14th St. NW; 8 p.m., \$8; 202-667-7960. (U St.-Cardozo)

● WEDNESDAY

Brandon Butler: One of D.C.'s own tries his hand at singin' the blues at the Millennium Stage. Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; 6 p.m., free; 202-467-4600. (Foggy Bottom)

William Elliott Whitmore: This deep-bluesman also counts hardcore punk as an influence. Black Cat, 1811 14th St. NW; 8 p.m., \$15; 202-667-7960. (U St.-Cardozo)

● THURSDAY

Adam Cohen: The author speaks about his new book, "Nothing to Fear," a narrative of the first 100 days of Franklin Roosevelt's presidency. Politics and Prose, 5015 Connecticut Ave. NW; 7 p.m., free; 202-364-1919. (Van Ness)

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This Diva Gets Down

Alice Ripley recently wowed D.C. with her performance in Arena Stage's "Next to Normal," but she's back — and with a punk band. Well, sort of. Ripley's band, also called Ripley, bills itself as punk pop, but it sounds more like some kind of country/folk rock with a political spin. This woman has a lot of tricks up her musical sleeve. Whatever it is, it's fun to listen to and (those of us stuck in offices and thus unable to test this theory might imagine) to dance to. See what it's all about for zero money tonight at the Kennedy Center's Millennium Stage. F.Z.

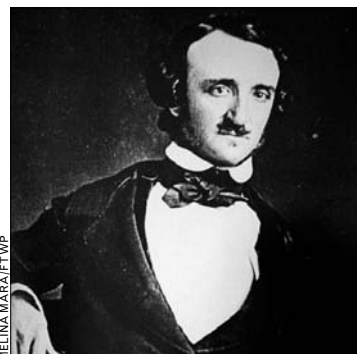
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She Has a Way With Words

Poet Nikki Giovanni is one of the many artists first inspired by the black power movement. She's also one of America's finest poets and essayists, who has during her career ruminated on racism, cancer and love. She also writes children's books, and she'll be reading from "Hip Hop Speaks to Children," a poetry collection that includes works by Langston Hughes, Maya Angelou and others. This is a good one for the kiddies. F.Z.

→ Politics and Prose, 5015 Connecticut Ave. NW; 10:30 a.m., free; 202-364-1919. (Van Ness)



Mystery Birthday

Apparently, all the new year's and inauguration parties haven't been exhausting enough. It's the 200th anniversary of Edgar Allan Poe's birth, and it's time to party like we're alcoholic mystery writers in the

1840s! WOOOOOOO!!! OK, it's a bit more genteel than that. It's at the Smithsonian after all, so, instead of an alcohol-soaked birthday bash, it's a reading of some of Poe's work, accompanied by cake. And a raven or two. After all, it wouldn't be right to honor an alcoholic with Jell-O shots. F.Z.

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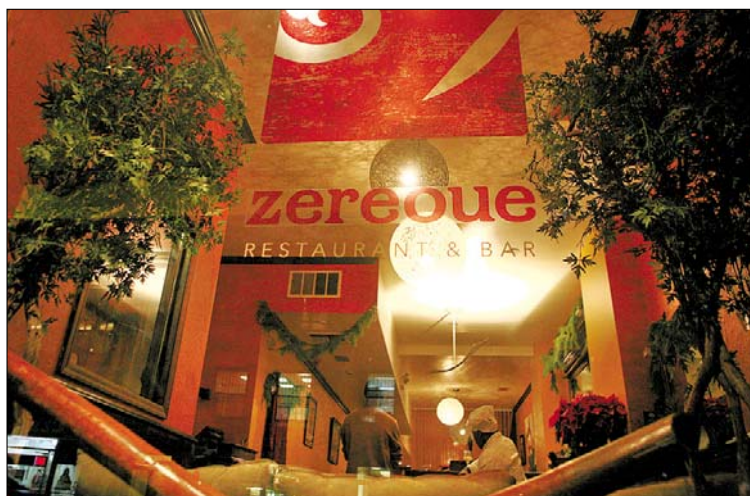
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IT'S A WINNER: After a seven-year career as an NFL running back, Jean Claude Zereoue opened his own African-French fusion restaurant, Zereoue, and has become the head chef of the Manhattan restaurant.



PHOTOS BY BEBETO MATTHEWS/AP

Trends

Professional athletes pursue new careers as eatery operators

Amos Zereoue grew up in a family in which cooking was important. So, when Jean Claude Zereoue found his son subsisting on ramen noodles in college, he quickly rectified the situation, providing Amos with some basic culinary skills.

It stuck with him: Not long after his seven-year career as an NFL running back ended, Zereoue opened his own restaurant, an African-French fusion place in Midtown Manhattan.

And, unlike so many other athlete-owned restaurants that quickly flame out, Zereoue has been a success because the owner put more than just his name into it.

"I didn't want to be that guy who put the money in someone else's hands and watched it go to waste," Zereoue said. "The restaurant thing, it's a very difficult business. I didn't realize how difficult it was until I actually got into it."

If you live in a city with a professional sports franchise, chances are there's an athlete-owned restaurant nearby.

Super Bowls

The difference between the successes and failures, at least in the long-term, is what's inside the restaurant, not who's name is outside it.

Michael Jordan has steak places in New York and Chicago, and so does former Miami Dolphins quarterback Dan Marino, in Florida and Las Vegas. Hockey Hall of Famer Wayne Gretzky has a restaurant in Toronto; former Chicago Bears player and coach Mike Ditka has places in the Windy City and Pittsburgh; and there are steak houses named after John Elway in Denver.

And it's not just the stars who have their own places.

Former NBA player Dan Majerle owns two Marjele Sports Grills in Arizona. Former Tampa Bay Buccaneers running back Mike Alstott is proprietor of the Island Way Grill. There's also Al Hrabosky's Ballpark Saloon in St. Louis, named after the former pitcher.

These places run the culinary gamut, from the predictable sports bars to five-star steakhouses with elaborate wine lists.

Some have been rousing successes, such as Michael Jordan's Steak House in Manhattan, the two Elway locations in Denver and former Miami Dolphins coach Don Shula's chain of steak places.

There also have been numerous big-name athletes who have closed up shop, including George Brett, Dwyane Wade and Brett Hull.

No matter how cool it might be to see photos of Larry Bird while

you're eating or how exciting it might be for that slight chance Johnny Bench may walk through the door, people aren't going to come back if the food is horrible or the service is bad.

"You have to have other reasons to go to the restaurant other than the athlete possibly being there or the memorabilia, because that can be fun once," said Darren Tristano of Technomic Inc., a Chicago-based

restaurant consulting and research firm. "The food and the execution and the concept are going to play heavily into it."

Clearly, celebrity plays a part, too. A restaurant gives the famous a chance to branch out to a world beyond the playing fields.

"Athletes, especially the high-profile ones, who open up restaurants, it kind of extends their brand," said Kate Krader, restaurant editor for Food & Wine Magazine. "It's a place where fans can come and they can get some of the acclaim they're used to from playing."

Some athletes are intricately involved in their restaurants, picking the decor, developing the menu, choosing the chef.

Baseball player Jim Edmonds had a hand in just about every detail when his restaurant, F-15teen, opened in St. Louis, and he's kept track of it even while playing in San Diego and for the Chicago Cubs.

"If it's going to have my name on it, I want everything to be just right," he said.

Others, well, they don't care quite as much, lending their name, a little money and not much else.

"I don't even know why I opened the place," said Detroit Red Wings forward Chris Chelios, owner of Cheli's Chili Bar in Detroit. "My mom and dad wanted me to do it, so I did." JOHN MARSHALL (AP)



TOUCHDOWN: Jean Claude Zereoue chats with customers at his N.Y.C. restaurant.

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FILM

Love Stinks

The 1985 East German film "Half of Life" follows revered 18th-century poet (and jabbering recluse) Friedrich Holderlin's affair with Susette, the wife of a banker who had hired Holderlin as a tutor for his children. The movie screens Monday at the Goethe-Institut, and Aaron Leitko has a review. | [COMING UP](#)



CD REVIEW

Smooth Waters

Tony Sclafani writes that Copper Sails' new album, "Hiding Place," shows that the Richmond, Va., rockers have crafted a sound that's ready for the world — and possible stardom. But in doing so, the band has duplicated things we've already heard, specifically recalling Coldplay and U2. | [ONLINE NOW](#)

TELEVISION

He Ate What?

Bear Grylls, the star of the Discovery Channel's "Man vs. Wild," roughs it up in various spots around the globe, doing pretty much anything to survive. With Season 2 out on DVD, Roxana Hadadi lists the top five foulest things Grylls did last year. | [COMING UP](#)



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RESULTS FROM FRIDAY'S QUESTION

DO YOU THINK OFFICIALS WENT TOO FAR WITH THE ROAD CLOSINGS FOR INAUGURATION?

YES 56%

NO 44%



"Could it be D.C. is just exacting a little payback on people it can't get to pay a 'commuter tax'? Or is it possible this is being done to make it more difficult for all those tourist dollars to find their way over the bridge[s]?"

COMMENTER MAGIC BULLET, RESPONDING TO FRIDAY'S POLL CENTER QUESTION, "DO YOU THINK OFFICIALS WENT TOO FAR WITH THE ROAD CLOSINGS FOR INAUGURATION?"

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commuter traffic is totally chaotic during normal times. The city that wants to rule the world is fabulously bad at urban planning."

COMMENTER CHAOS THEORIST, WHO ADDED, "THE AUTHORITIES ARE DOING WHAT IS SENSIBLE, WHICH IS UNUSUAL."

I understand

closing off the 14th Street Bridge and the Memorial Bridge. But Key Bridge? There are folks in Virginia who can't take a day off work or telecommute."

COMMENTER VEGGIE TART, WHO ADDED, "WHEN YOU CAN'T GET ANYWHERE, ... THAT'S WHEN SECURITY HAS GONE TOO FAR."

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Blog LOG

"It's harder to be spontaneous. Because we have to pay anytime we want to drive a car, there are no more spur-of-the-moment outings."

MORETHANTHIS.NET POINTS OUT ONE OF THE NEGATIVE THINGS SELLING HIS OR HER CAR AND RELYING STRICTLY ON ZIPCAR AS HIS OR HER PRIMARY MODE OF TRANSPORTATION.



"ALSO CRUCIAL:

Obama didn't take [up] the Ali family on its offer to not charge him. The president-elect gave more than \$20 for what added up to a \$12 order, establishing that Obama knows how things work at Ben's — make sure to overtip so you can skip the long lines."

DCIST.COM HAS SOME DETAILS ON HOW OBAMA ORDERED HIS CHILI HALF-SMOKE.

"My goal is to be robust and jolly as an old woman, light-hearted, clear. I want to be one of those old ladies who laughs out loud without apology and says what's on her mind whenever she wants."

THEGOLDPUPPY.BLOGSPOT.COM TURNS 56 IN A MONTH AND HAS BEEN THINKING ABOUT HOW LIFE WILL BE IN 15 TO 20 YEARS.

"Girl ... I am so excited. We got to see him and everything. Security was crazy but we've never seen a president in the hood."



DCFAB.THEFABEMPIRE.COM RELAYS A MESSAGE SENT TO HER FROM A WOMAN AT THE HAIR SALON NEXT TO BEN'S CHILI BOWL, WHERE PRESIDENT-ELECT OBAMA ATE WITH D.C. MAYOR ADRIAN FENTY SATURDAY.

Discussions

DTV Transition

JOEL KELSEY, a policy analyst at Consumers Union, was online Friday and answered questions about the transition from analog to digital TV.

How can there be a shortfall in funds to guarantee converter boxes for the public when the FCC had so much time to consider the price of airwaves in the auction?

Our current dilemma has many fathers. We believe it is irresponsible for the government to make \$19 billion while clearing the analog spectrum but ask rural, low-income consumers to pay \$40 to \$80 to make up for the miscalculation of the federal government. All involved must now stop pointing fingers and start working toward

the solutions that will get the necessary equipment into the hands of the consumers who need it.

Why should the government give consumers a break when the transition to DTV has been advertised for at least a year or more? There will always be procrastinators.

This isn't government giving consumers a break. This is government stepping up to help consumers through a federally mandated transition, to stay connected to emergency broadcasts and essential news and information. There are 1 million people on a waiting list who are trying to prepare who won't get the assistance they need by Feb. 17.

Why is over-the-air television considered essential? Aren't most emergency communications transmitted over the radio? Will life as we

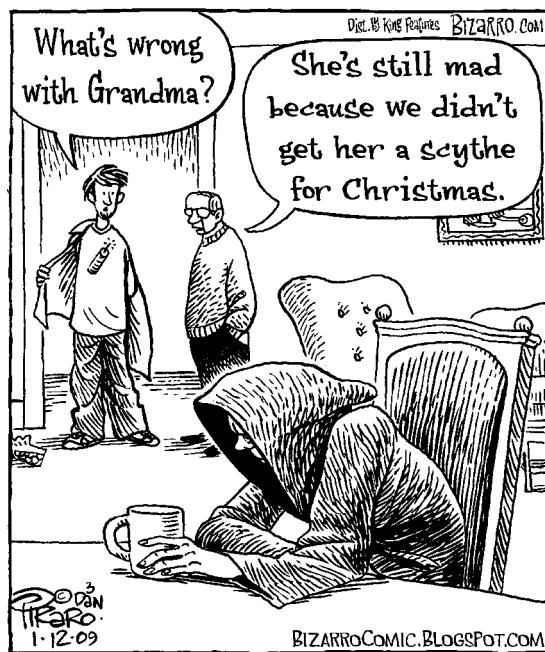
know it cease to exist if people can't watch TV or have to spend \$40 of their own money to update their obsolete TVs?

For more than 70 years, the government has invested taxpayer dollars into free over-the-air television that uses the publicly owned spectrum to transmit broadcasts. Television is a lifeline for many Americans. We believe it's irresponsible to tax consumers to keep something they once got for free.

What was not advertised was the amount of time it took the coupon to get mailed once it was requested. This is another flaw of the coupon program that should be addressed by Congress.

TODAY ON DISCUSSIONS: Columnist Michael Wilbon takes your questions about the latest sports news and his recent columns at 1:15 p.m. | washingtonpost.com/discussions.

Bizarro | Dan Piraro

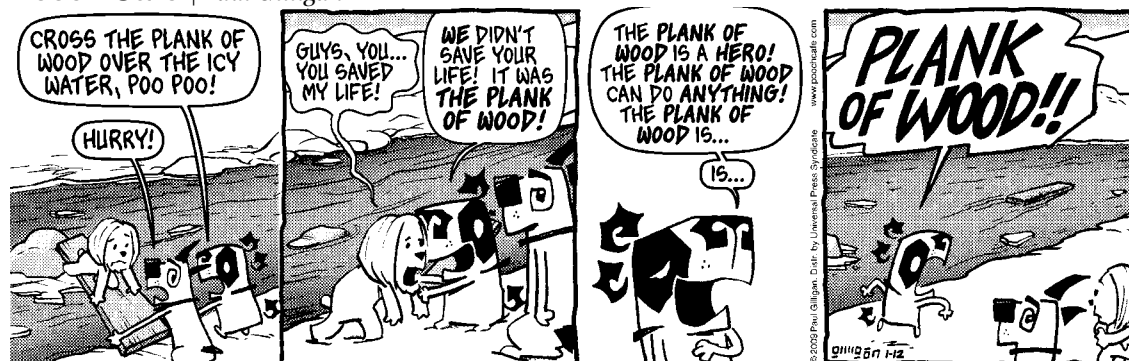


Cornered | Mike Baldwin

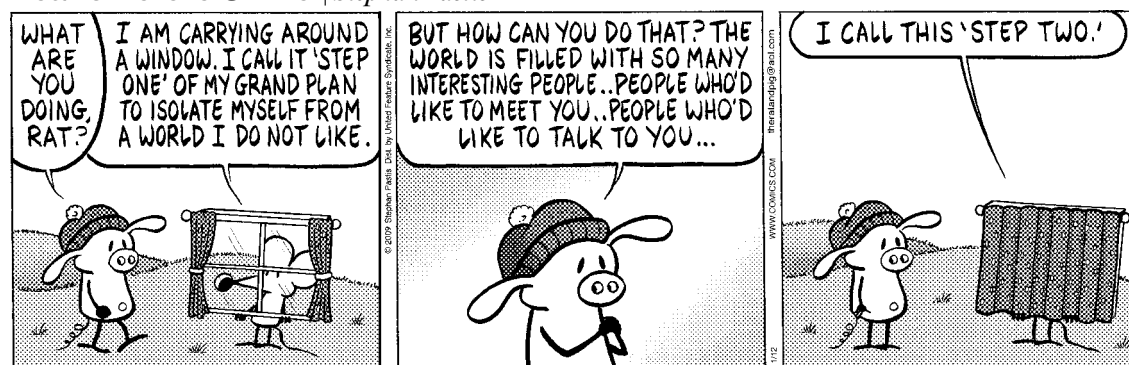


"You need to be more persistent. Now, get out of my office and keep coming back until you've worn me down."

Pooch Cafe | Paul Gilligan



Pearls Before Swine | Stephan Pastis



The Duplex | Glenn McCoy



Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You may not want to play the leading role, but the stars may offer an opportunity to have things your way if you do.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) After you check on something essential, you're going to want to double-check. You can't afford to miss any signs.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) It may be difficult for others to determine just what you're up to — or why. Never fear; you'll make things clear when the time comes.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) The more intuitive you can be, the closer to a solution you are likely to get when you examine a long-standing problem.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Your ability to read people will serve you well and is likely to propel you to the head of the class in many respects.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Don't brook any attempt to put you down or hold you back. You're on the move, and right now

it's full-steam ahead.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You're going to have to put something rather delicate in no uncertain terms. When the time comes, you'll be able to make amends.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Make sure that you read the fine print before committing to something that is new and unfamiliar to you. Know what you're getting into.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You will find that a situation brewing not far afield can bring out the best in you. You will want to be directly involved very soon.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Social situations provide you with an outlet for your more impractical, silly and fun-loving side. You can cut loose for a while.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) If it's a deal you're looking for, you can find it — provided you steer clear of the usual outlets and merchants.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) That which happens behind the scenes is likely to prove more significant to you than that which happens at center stage.

Letters

Writer's Claims Questionable

K. RAMSEIER'S claims in the Jan. 8 letter "Stop Palestinian Attacks" present a skewed version of reality. First, since the rocket fire from Gaza started in 2001, there have been just 20 deaths, according to Israeli

human rights groups. Second, rocket fire picked up again only after Israel killed six militants within Gaza in November. Finally, the Palestinians elected a democratic government in 2006 — terrorists or not — but this was undermined by the isolation of Gaza and an attempted coup d'état via Fatah.

—JAKE GROVER
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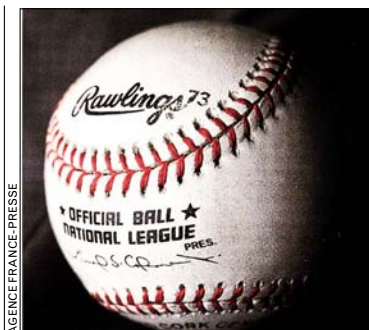
Today in History

1773 The first public museum in America is organized, in Charleston, S.C.

1915 The House of Representatives rejects a proposal to give women the right to vote.

1932 Hattie W. Caraway becomes the first woman elected to the U.S. Senate, after serving out the remainder of the term of her late husband, Thaddeus.

1986 The shuttle Columbia blasts off with a crew that includes the first Hispanic-American in space, Franklin R. Chang-Diaz.



Mark McGwire's 70th home run ball.

1999 Mark McGwire's 70th home run ball is sold at auction in New York for \$3 million to an anonymous bidder.

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Watch out, South America. You may be next on her considerable list.

SCHEMING

Jolie Needs Time to Plot Her Next Several Adoptions

ANGELINA JOLIE, who has been lying low since the birth of her twins five months ago, is thinking about a brief return to film. The mother of six says she'll be in front of the camera early this year. Jolie didn't say which projects she may be working on. (AP)

FREEDOM

Oh, Because Being Married Made Him So Discriminating

R. KELLY can officially bump and grind with whoever he chooses: He has finalized his divorce. Kelly and his former wife, Andrea, confirmed they divorced after 11 years of marriage. (AP)

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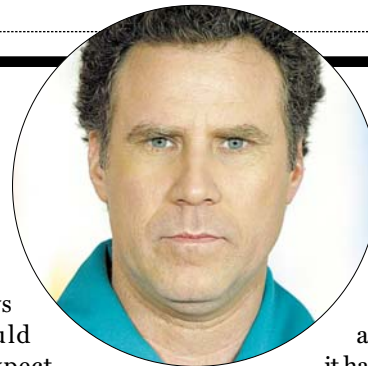
Nuptialicious Day

The Dutchess is a bride. Her manager says **FERGIE** and **JOSH DUHAMEL** are married. Manager William Derella said the 33-year-old "Fergalicious" singer-actress, whose real name is Stacy Ferguson, and the 36-year-old actor were married Saturday at the Church Estates Vineyards in Malibu. The pair had been dating since 2004 and were engaged in 2007. (AP)

ACTING

Will Ferrell Gives Josh Brolin a Serious Run For His Money

WILL FERRELL says audiences should expect the unexpected from his upcoming one-man Broadway show and HBO special about President Bush. Ferrell, known for his Bush impersonation on "Saturday Night Live," said



"W." is nothing compared to watching Will.

Friday the show will surprise people with its twists and turns and what it has to say about Bush.

"Will Ferrell: You're Welcome America. A Final Night with George W. Bush" is set to begin previews Jan. 20 and open Feb. 5. It will air live on HBO March 14. (AP)

ILLNESS

Patrick Swayze Hospitalized

PATRICK SWAYZE has checked himself into the hospital for observation after contracting pneumonia, A&E President Abbe Raven announced Friday at a meeting of the Television Critics Association. Swayze was scheduled to appear to dis-



cuss his upcoming drama "The Beast." Swayze's spokeswoman, Annett Wolf, confirmed that Swayze was in the hospital but would not provide additional details. (AP)

SURPRISE!

Fans of 'Dexter' Find News Totally Incestuous, Creepy

They play brother and sister on "Dexter." Now, in real life, **MICHAEL C. HALL** and **JENNIFER CARPENTER** are husband and wife. Hall's spokesman, Craig Bankey, said on Friday that the couple eloped in California on New Year's Eve. The pair just finished the third season of "Dexter." (AP)

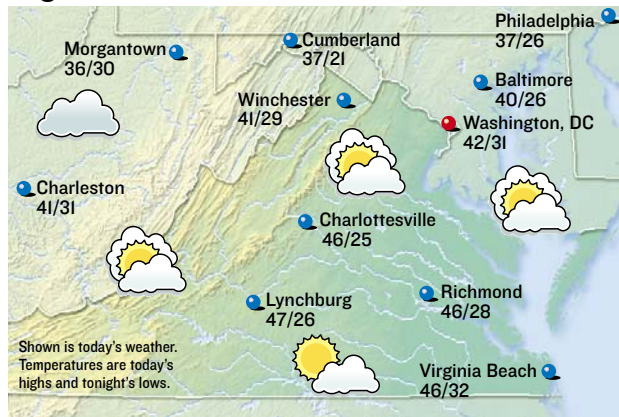


Every time they say "bro" or "sis" on TV, an angel loses its will to exist.

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Partly sunny	Mostly cloudy	Cloudy, rain and snow	Partly sunny, colder	Partly sunny	Mostly sunny
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Precipitation

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Normal month to date	1.15"
Year to date	2.02"
Last year to date	0.53"
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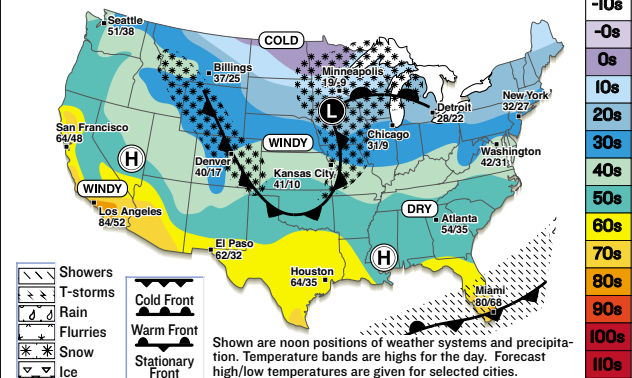
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Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	7:26 a.m.
Sunset tonight	5:07 p.m.
Moonrise today	7:16 p.m.
Moonset today	8:34 a.m.

Last	New	First	Full
Jan 17	Jan 26	Feb 2	Feb 9

National Weather for Monday, January 12



National Cities

City	Today	Tues.
Atlanta	54/35/pc	51/22/s
Boston	30/23/pc	39/26/c
Chicago	31/9/sn	13/-2/sf
Dallas	63/35/s	54/31/s
Denver	40/17/sn	47/24/s
Honolulu	78/66/s	80/69/s
Los Angeles	84/52/s	83/50/s
Miami	80/68/pc	80/52/pc
New York City	32/27/pc	43/23/c
Orlando	64/52/pc	62/40/r
Seattle	51/38/c	47/35/c

World Cities

City	Today	Tues.
Amsterdam	43/41/sh	43/37/sh
Athens	48/42/c	59/54/r
Berlin	42/33/s	41/31/c
Buenos Aires	86/64/pc	91/68/s
Calgary	29/20/c	40/19/c
Dublin	46/39/sh	45/36/pc
Geneva	49/29/s	47/31/pc
Moscow	26/20/sn	36/19/s
Rome	55/41/pc	57/46/r
Sydney	81/66/s	82/68/s
Tokyo	48/36/pc	48/34/pc

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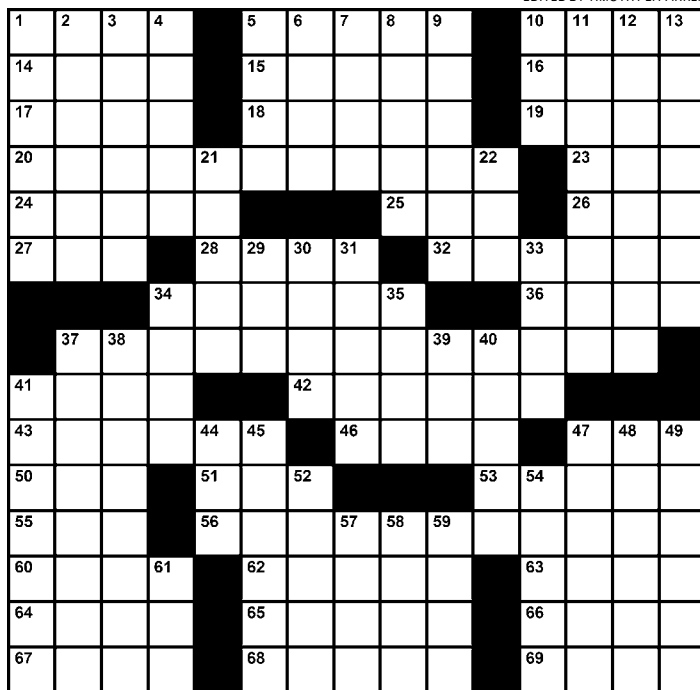
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1 Pack down, as tobacco
5 Exodus plague
10 Subtler alternative to "Yo!"
14 Snack with a floral design on it
15 Harmful gas
16 Second-highest voice in a four-part chorus
17 Like dental surgery
18 Gymnastically inclined
19 Rounded projections
20 Pro baseball player-turned-evangelist
23 "Batman Forever" actor Kilmer
24 Dispatch boat
25 Word often between two names
26 "I ____ no pleasant bread" (Daniel 10:3)
27 Unenviable grade
28 Letters on egg cartons
32 Skin patch wearer, perhaps
34 Samantha's mother
36 Enjoys, to a beatnik
37 Cary Grant film set in Chicago
41 ____-up rage
42 Is worthy of
43 Preference word
46 Does lawn work
47 Seasonal mall employee
50 Complaint for Billie Joe

51 Pal of Pooh
53 Dean's 1955 co-star
55 Prohibit
56 1967 Rolling Stones hit
60 Part of a breakout
62 Is crawling (with)
63 Conga formation
64 Comparison connector
65 Contemporary of Helena
66 "Did you ____?"
67 Freshwater delicacies
68 They may run down the neck
69 Spreads hay

DOWN

1 "What a shame"
2 Achieve success
3 Ear of corn
4 Election Day places
5 Titles for Italian monks
6 Prego competitor
7 Husband of Frigg
8 First name among Israeli PMs
9 Goes furtively
10 One way to get things down
11 Hungary neighbor
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13 Drudges
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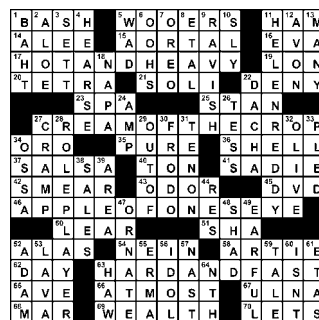


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33 They usually end in "to one"
34 Old Testament book (Abbr.)
35 Cornrows alternative
37 Cephalalgia
38 Like some organs
39 Free (of)
40 Self-identifying response
41 Court where last wishes are heard
44 Be human,

according to a saying
45 Woodshop tool
47 Salad plant
48 Showed partiality
49 Anterooms
52 Hardly skinny
54 Tiny land mass
57 Legend of the Himalayas
58 IRS agents
59 Applications
61 Uncanny trio?

Friday's Solution



SUDOKU | EASY

Fill in the boxes so each row, column and 3-by-3 square includes the digits 1 through 9. See www.sudoku.com for solution, tips and computer program.

Need more Su/doku?

Find another Sudoku puzzle in the Comics section of the Post every Sunday and in the Style section Monday through Saturday.

Friday's Solution

3	8	5	7	2	6	4	1	9
4	7	6	8	1	9	3	2	5
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2	3	9	1	6	5	7	8	4
5	1	8	9	7	4	2	3	6
6	4	7	2	3	8	5	9	1
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